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


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The microprocessor industry is currently struggling with higher development costs and longer design times that arise from exceedingly complex processors that are pushing the limits of instruction-level parallelism. Meanwhile, such designs are especially ill suited for important commercial applications, such as on-line transaction processing (OLTP), which suffer from large memory stall times and exhibit little instruction-level parallelism. Given that commercial applications constitute by fa ...

2 [Smart Memories: a modular reconfigurable architecture](#)

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Trends in VLSI technology scaling demand that future computing devices be narrowly focused to achieve high performance and high efficiency, yet also target the high volumes and low costs of widely applicable general purpose designs. To address these conflicting requirements, we propose a modular reconfigurable architecture called Smart Memories, targeted at computing needs in the 0.18μm technology generation. A Smart Memories chip is made up of many processing tiles, each containing local ...

3 [Timestamp snooping: an approach for extending SMPs](#)

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5 A comparative study of arbitration algorithms for the Alpha 21364 pipelined router

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Interconnection networks usually consist of a fabric of interconnected routers, which receive packets arriving at their input ports and forward them to appropriate output ports. Unfortunately, network packets moving through these routers are often delayed due to conflicting demand for resources, such as output ports or buffer space. Hence, routers typically employ *arbiters* that resolve conflicting resource demands to maximize the number of matches between packets waiting at input ports an ...

6 The Stanford FLASH multiprocessor

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The FLASH multiprocessor efficiently integrates support for cache-coherent shared memory and high-performance message passing, while minimizing both hardware and software overhead. Each node in FLASH contains a microprocessor, a portion of the machine's global memory, a port to the interconnection network, an I/O interface, and a custom node controller called MAGIC. The MAGIC chip handles all communication both within the node and among nodes, using hardwired data paths for efficient data move ...

7 Using dataflow analysis techniques to reduce ownership overhead in cache coherence protocols

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In this article, we explore the potential of classical dataflow analysis techniques in removing overhead in write-invalidate cache coherence protocols for shared-memory multiprocessors. We construct the compiler algorithms with varying degree of sophistication that detect loads followed by stores to the same address. Such loads are marked and constitute a hint to the cache to obtain an exclusive copy of the block so that the subsequent store does not introduce access penalties. The simplest ...

Keywords: cache coherence, dataflow analysis, performance evaluation


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9 Compiler transformations for high-performance computing

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In the last three decades a large number of compiler transformations for optimizing programs have been implemented. Most optimizations for uniprocessors reduce the number of instructions executed by the program using transformations based on the analysis of scalar quantities and data-flow techniques. In contrast, optimizations for high-performance superscalar, vector, and parallel processors maximize parallelism and memory locality with transformations that rely on tracking the properties of ...

Keywords: compilation, dependence analysis, locality, multiprocessors, optimization, parallelism, superscalar processors, vectorization

10 Parallel architectures: Inferential queueing and speculative push for reducing critical communication latencies

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Communication latencies within critical sections constitute a major bottleneck in some classes of emerging parallel workloads. In this paper, we argue for the use of Inferentially Queued Locks (IQLs) [31], not just for efficient synchronization but also for reducing communication latencies, and we propose a novel mechanism, Speculative Push (SP), aimed at reducing these communication latencies. With IQLs, the processor infers the existence, and limits, of a critical section from the use of synchron ...

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11 Using "test model-checking" to verify the Runway-PA8000 memory model

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12 A survey of commercial parallel processors

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This paper compares eight commercial parallel processors along several dimensions. The processors include four shared-bus multiprocessors (the Encore Multimax, the Sequent Balance system, the Alliant FX series, and the ELXSI System 6400) and four network multiprocessors (the BBN Butterfly, the NCUBE, the Intel iPSC/2, and the FPS T Series). The paper contrasts the computers from the standpoint of interconnection structures, memory configurations, and interprocessor communication. Also, the share ...

13 Algorithms II: Quantifying instruction criticality for shared memory multiprocessors

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Recent research on processor microarchitecture suggests using instruction criticality as a metric to guide hardware control policies. Fields et al. [3, 4] have proposed a directed acyclic graph (DAG) model for characterizing program microexecutions on uniprocessors. Under such a model, critical path analysis can be applied and instructions' slack values can be used to quantify instruction criticality. In this paper, we extend the uniprocessor DAG model to characterize parallel program executions ...

Keywords: critical path analysis, shared memory multiprocessors, slack

14 Token coherence: decoupling performance and correctness

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Many future shared-memory multiprocessor servers will both target commercial workloads and use highly-integrated "glueless" designs. Implementing low-latency cache coherence in these systems is difficult, because traditional approaches either add indirection for common cache-to-cache misses (directory protocols) or require a totally-ordered interconnect (traditional snooping protocols). Unfortunately, totally-ordered interconnects are difficult to implement in glueless designs. An ideal coherenc ...

15 Memory sharing predictor: the key to a speculative coherent DSM

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Recent research advocates using general message predictors to learn and predict the coherence activity in distributed shared memory (DSM). By accurately predicting a message and timely invoking the necessary coherence actions, a DSM can hide much of the remote access latency. This paper proposes the *Memory Sharing Predictors (MSPs)*, pattern-based predictors that significantly improve prediction accuracy and implementation cost over general message predictors. An MSP is based on the key ob ...

16 Transactional lock-free execution of lock-based programs

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This paper is motivated by the difficulty in writing correct high-performance programs. Writing shared-memory multi-threaded programs imposes a complex trade-off between programming ease and performance, largely due to subtleties in coordinating access to shared data. To ensure correctness programmers often rely on conservative locking at the

expense of performance. The resulting serialization of threads is a performance bottleneck. Locks also interact poorly with thread scheduling and faults, r ...

17 Architecture and design of AlphaServer GS320

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This paper describes the architecture and implementation of the AlphaServer GS320, a cache-coherent non-uniform memory access multiprocessor developed at Compaq. The AlphaServer GS320 architecture is specifically targeted at medium-scale multiprocessing with 32 to 64 processors. Each node in the design consists of four Alpha 21264 processors, up to 32GB of coherent memory, and an aggressive IO subsystem. The current implementation supports up to 8 such nodes for a total of 32 processors. While s ...

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19 SafetyNet: improving the availability of shared memory multiprocessors with global checkpoint/recovery

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We develop an availability solution, called *SafetyNet*, that uses a unified, lightweight checkpoint/recovery mechanism to support multiple long-latency fault detection schemes. At an abstract level, *SafetyNet* logically maintains multiple, globally consistent checkpoints of the state of a shared memory multiprocessor (i.e., processors, memory, and coherence permissions), and it recovers to a pre-fault checkpoint of the system and re-executes if a fault is detected. *SafetyNet* e ...

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20 Using destination-set prediction to improve the latency/bandwidth tradeoff in shared-memory multiprocessors

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Destination-set prediction can improve the latency/bandwidth tradeoff in shared-memory multiprocessors. The destination set is the collection of processors that receive a particular coherence request. Snooping protocols send requests to the maximal destination set (i.e., all processors), reducing latency for cache-to-cache misses at the expense of increased traffic. Directory protocols send requests to the minimal destination set, reducing bandwidth

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